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WILL HAVE TO REFUND.

The Bering Sea Claims Not in It With Columbia's Bill.

SHE WAS ENTITLED TO LOWER TAX.

On Her Exports to This Country, and Claims an Enormous Rebate, which Must be Paid--Congressional and Other Matters at the National Capital--Chairman Wilson Off for Europe to Recuparate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—A secret has leaked out from diplomatic circles to the effect that our government has become sadly entangled with the United States of Colombia, as a result of the reciprocity treaties and will have a bill to pay beside which the Bering Sea claims will appear trivial. When her sister Republics and Spain (as to Cuba and Porto Rico) began to ship their products duty free to the United States under the terms of their new treaties, Colombia claimed the same exemption for her staples, hides, coffee, sugar and malasses. The state department rejected this claim, as it was obliged to do, also the whole fabric of the treaties would have fallen. Colombia persisted in her claim and pointed to the treaty of 1846, which declared that the Colombians shall not be assessed any duties upon their products imported into the United States higher than on like articles imported from any other foreign country, and at last the United States had been obliged to admit the correctness of the Colombian position. It follows that the government must refund to importers the amounts they have paid in duties on Colombian products which should have been free or admitted at lower rates. What the total will amount to no one can tell. The United States very recently induced Spain to order a refund of \$5,000,000 collected erroneously upon our exports in Cuba, and Great Britain was once obliged to refund to us under the terms of a treaty closely corresponding with that between the United States and Colombia.

THE SENATE DONE.

Senators Leaving for Home--No More Legislation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—Today was the wind up of all the legislative business in the senate. To-night, to-morrow and Sunday, senators and representatives will be leaving in every direction. The action of the two houses in passing the final adjournment resolution cannot be considered except by unanimous consent and that cannot be obtained. The senators who are called on with what Democrats thought was party expediency have left the city again, or will have departed before Monday. Senator Harris recognized that further legislation was out of the question, and when the senate was doing business behind closed doors, he had the order directing the sergeant-at-arms to compel the attendance of absent senators rescinded. A few moments before adjournment Senator Quay notified the senate that this was the end of all legislative business.

MAY SEND A MESSAGE.

Representative Catchings Thinks the President Will do so.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—President Cleveland's purpose on the tariff bill was the main reason for the resolution passed in the house to-day for final adjournment at 2 o'clock next Tuesday. Representative Catchings, of the committee on rules had called on President Cleveland day after day and on reaching the capitol conferred with Speaker Crisp as to the adjournment. The resolution was thereupon framed and introduced with the authority of the rules committee. It is understood that Mr. Catchings outlined this plan to the President and it met with approval. Mr. Catchings would say little as to his talk with the President. He regarded it as settled, however, that the bill would become a law next Monday night without the President's signature. Mr. Catchings also inclined to the belief that the President would send a message to Congress on the subject.

C. & O. Railroad Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—Mr. M. E. Ingalls, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, has prepared his annual report to June 30, and it makes a splendid showing in view of the business depression. It indicates a continuance of the steady growth and improvement which has marked the road since it was reorganized by Drexel, Morgan & Co., when Mr. Ingalls became its president. The first year of his administration there was a deficit of \$198,000, and operating expenses were 78 per cent of earnings. At the close of the past fiscal year there was a surplus of \$234,000, while operating expenses have fallen to 75 per cent and 67 per cent respectively.

The Veterans' Columbus Helles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—In execution of its pledge that the valuable Colombian relics now in the custody of the state department shall be returned to the veterans on a man-of-war, the navy department has decided that the cruiser Machias shall perform this service. The Machias is at the New York navy yard, where she has been many months undergoing the naval operation of being cut in two and lengthened to correct instability. She is nearing completion, and will go into service September 15 under Commander Houston. It is expected to sail about October 1. She was chosen because she will be the first vessel available for the service, and as she is going to China by way of the Mediterranean and Suez canal, she will not be diverted from her course.

To Influence Legislation.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—An important movement is on foot among the labor organizations to arrange a coalition and establish permanent headquarters in Washington for the purpose of influencing legislation. The Knights of Labor are at the head of the movement, and the visit of Messrs. Hayes and Martin, of the executive board, this week was largely to look over the field and pave the way for the estab-

lishment of the quarters. Several Populist members of Congress were consulted and offered their assistance in furthering the matter.

Wilson Will Go to Europe.
WASHINGTON, August 24.—Representative Wilson, chairman of the house ways and means committee, will sail for Europe on September 5, to be absent about three weeks. He is worn out and believes the sea voyage will aid his restoration to health.

DISGRACEFUL SCENES.

In a Democratic Convention--Camden Meets Another Defeat.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

ELKINS, W. VA., August 24.—The Randolph Democratic county convention and the delegate district convention, composed of Randolph and Tucker counties, met at Beverly to-day. The county convention was the most disgraceful affair ever held in the county. Drunken men fighting and swearing retarded the work of the convention for more than an hour.

The delegate convention was more orderly, but bad blood was manifested between the Camden and anti-Camden men. The anti-Camden men gained control of the convention and nominated J. T. Harding and Lloyd Hansford for the house of delegates. They both pledged themselves to use their influence against Camden, and declared for W. L. Wilson for United States senator.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION.

Continues Its Interesting Inquiries at Chicago.

CHICAGO, August 24.—General Manager K. St. John, of the Rock Island road, was recalled by the strike commission to-day. Mr. St. John's testimony of yesterday regarding the blacklist had apparently not satisfied the commissioners and he was closely questioned regarding it. John M. Egan, strike manager of the General Managers' Association, succeeded Mr. St. John on the stand. Mr. Egan was questioned regarding his duties during the strike and said it was his duty to receive reports from the various roads, of the progress of the trouble and to submit them to the association.

After preliminary questions Commissioner Wright asked Mr. Egan if, in his official capacity, he had made any effort to settle the strike peacefully.

"I did not," answered the strike manager.

"Is it the policy of the railroads to settle such troubles by force?"

"In this case at least, it was," the witness replied frankly.

In the afternoon Superintendent Dunlap, of the Rock Island, was called and testified briefly regarding the alleged blacklist, which he declared had no existence.

Superintendent of Police Brennan was the next witness.

FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

Report of a Battle Disastrous to the Japanese Reinforced.

SHANGHAI, August 24.—A letter from Chemulpo, Korea, received at Chefoo to-day, reports that nineteen Japanese warships and thirteen transports arrived in the Tatung river on the 18th instant. They landed 6,000 men who proceeded inland where they were attacked by a thousand Chinese cavalry, who succeeded in dividing the Japanese force into two parts.

The Chinese artillery located on an eminence, poured a heavy fire into the ranks of the Japanese, making great havoc. The Japanese were compelled to retreat to the seashore, where the guns of the fleet prevented further pursuit by the Chinese. The Japanese loss is reported to have been over 1,300 men. Tien-Tsin reports say that a telegram has been received from Pinyang stating that the Chinese troops at Chong Ho were reinforced by 10,000 men from August 18 to August 20, swelling the army there to 34,000 men.

It is reported that the Japanese are re-embarking their heavy baggage in Tatung Bay.

Fragments of War News.

SHANGHAI, August 24.—A number of Japanese troop ships have been conveyed to the mouth of the Tatung river near Chungchow, and are landing troops. The report that the Rev. Mr. James Wylie, a Presbyterian missionary, has died from injuries received at the hands of Chinese soldiers at Liao-Yang, north of New-Chwang, China, while they were marching to Korea, is officially confirmed.

YOKOHAMA, August 24.—The harbor of Nagasaki is now defended by torpedoed and submarine mines. Neutral vessels will be piloted in by boats belonging to the Japanese warships.

Window Glass Wages Compromised.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 24.—The prospective contest between window glass workers and manufacturers is likely to be nipped in the bud by a settlement effected to-day between the workers and the Chambers glass company, of Kensington, and the Phillips glass company, South Side.

To-day Mr. Chambers said the demand of the manufacturers was excessive, and he would start his works on September 1 on a 20 per cent reduction for blowers, flatteners and cutters, and a 10 per cent advance for gatherers. The scale was accepted by the men. The reduction is made necessary by the new tariff law.

Populists Nominate.

OMAHA, Neb., August 24.—The Populists' state convention has nominated: Governor, Silas A. Halcumb; lieutenant governor, James R. Gaffin; secretary of state, H. W. McFadden; auditor, John W. Wilson; treasurer, John P. Powers; attorney general, D. B. Carey; commissioner of public lands and buildings, W. J. Kent.

Senator Allen addressed the convention at some length.

Two Men Lynched.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 24.—To-night at Mitchell's Station, thirty miles south of here, a band of masked men took Riley Walker and Richard Jordan out of the train bound for Montgomery and lynched them by hanging them to a tree and afterwards perforated their bodies with bullets. They had been tried for murder, and Walker was sent up for life and Jordan for twelve years.

THE ROAD RACE.

The Buffalo Team in the Lead--Dillon Well Up Front.

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 24.—Promptly at 4 o'clock this afternoon the forty-eight riders in the Buffalo-Pittsburgh road race started on their ride of 250 miles. The feature of the contest is the special team race between Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Cleveland, run in conjunction with the road race. The Pittsburgh wheelmen issued a challenge to any five men of a team in the country to run a special race for a \$200 trophy donated by the Pittsburgh Press. Cleveland and Buffalo accepted the challenge.

Bannister, the winner of last year's race over the same course, did not compete. The first man made Fredonia in three hours eight minutes and thirteen seconds. The first ten men at Fredonia were: G. G. Walbin, Erie, 7:05:13; G. E. Williams, Pittsburgh, 7:08:14; A. E. Weinig, Buffalo, 7:08:15; C. G. Merrill, Cleveland, 7:11:11; L. R. Dillon, Wheeling, W. Va., 7:13; McNierny, Buffalo, 7:18:50; W. L. Steimal, Buffalo, 7:19:20; W. R. Blake, Buffalo, 7:19:21; Ben Cleveland, Buffalo, 7:19:22.

Dillon Leads by Twenty Minutes.

ENRIE, Pa., August 25.—The riders in the road race from Buffalo to Pittsburgh are passing through Erie to-night in the following order: Dillon, of Wheeling, six hours and 37 minutes from Buffalo at 10:57 p. m.; Morrill, of Cleveland, at 11:17; Williams, of Pittsburgh, 11:18; Grim, of Cleveland, at 11:27; Wakefield at 11:33; Wallin at 11:48; Mazer 12:02; Wier 12:37; Thorp at 12:08.

The roads are dusty, the weather superb for wheeling and the riders looked fairly well at this stage.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Hugh Lynn was hanged yesterday at New Westminster, B. C.

Eight houses were burned at Minorka, near Scranton, Pa.; loss \$30,000.

Ernest Haaseburg, Dundee tin plate merchant, confesses to forgeries of \$112,000.

Peter Firstone, English miner, was fatally hurt by striking slave, at Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

The Brazilian minister of finance says that Brazil does not intend to float an internal loan.

Alois Mehltrater, tailor, was fatally shot at Buffalo by Carl Lower, a discharged employe.

Ex-Congressman John D. White, Danville, Ky., bolted the Republican ticket and will run independent.

The President has recognized Olaf Rye Walburg as vice consul of Sweden and Norway at Sioux City, Iowa.

At Knoxville Deputy Sheriff Crowell and four others were acquitted of the murder of George Gant; self-defense.

All the coal miners in Ray county, Va., are again out on a strike, demanding four cents per bushel for mining.

Russia has rescinded the prohibition against the import of Persian silver coin in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

At Toronto, Ont., Mon. Christopher F. Frazer, ex-commissioner of public works, died suddenly of heart disease.

A fresh earthquake shock was experienced yesterday at Santa Catalina, Sicily. People fled in terror to the fields.

Anderson Boyd, alias Jacob Hultz, colored, is in jail at Knoxville for murdering Ed Uhl, in Marion county, Ohio, ten years ago.

Stephen Howard has many aliases and has killed many men, but Deputy Sheriff Parker, of LaGrange, Texas, has Stephen now in custody.

Advices from Pretoria, dated August 7, say that the unexpected admission of Chief Malaboch has been joyfully received throughout Transvaal.

Lindholm, late assistant secretary of the state of Michigan, who disappeared from Ishpeming in March last, has been arrested at Gothenburg, Sweden.

L. W. Schuermann, a pension attorney of Hudson, Ill., formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., was disbarred for demanding illegal fees. He was indicted in Tennessee.

Philip Pettus, colored, who murdered his wife in April, 1893, because she refused to live with him, was hanged in the jail yard of the court house at Helena, Ark.

The Swiss federal council has approved the scheme submitted for a Jura-Simplon railway tunnel through the Simplon. The cost of this work will be \$4,500,000 francs.

William Swords, aged 60, was bound, gagged and tortured with fire and then robbed of \$150 by four masked men at Kempville, Ont. He knows the men but is afraid to tell.

Stoppage of trains on the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo road has ceased, owing to the yielding of the American Railway Union and the appointment of a new grievance committee.

The grand jury at Memphis has indicted twenty-four cotton firms for doing business without a license and failing to pay taxes. Their delinquencies for the past eight years aggregated \$2,000,000.

The abandonment of the grand Russian army maneuvers at Smolensk was determined upon at the wish of the imperial physicians that the czar should avoid fatigue, as his health is not satisfactory.

At Newark, N. J., the United States Credit System Company is in the hands of a receiver, ex-State Treasurer Gray. The examiners reported that the capital had been impaired to the amount of nearly \$200,000.

The conversion of Abo Buzzard did not hold. Twenty of his forty-one years of life have been spent in jail. He is now on trial at Lancaster, Pa., for felonious entry, with numerous more indictments to be heard from.

The committee of conference on amalgamation of the International Typographical Union and the International Printing Pressmen's Union have settled the differences of the two organizations. They will reunite.

Robert Tucker, whose son was killed recently near Lexington, Ky., and Scott Van Meter, thought about the murder, and buried him alive to extort a confession. He was rescued, but will die. They are in jail.

United States Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, chairman of the special labor commission appointed by President Cleveland to investigate the Pullman strike, admits that he is in the habit of using a Pullman pass, given him by Mr. Pullman.

Fastest Across the Atlantic.

NEW YORK, August 24.—The American liner New York arrived this evening after a phenomenal passage, beating all previous records, having made the passage from Southampton to New York in 6 days, 8 hours and 38 minutes. This beats the record of her sister ship, the Paris, by 39 minutes. The total distance covered by the New York was 3,049 knots at an average speed of 20 knots per hour.

Satell and the Christian Endeavorers.

CLEVELAND, O., August 24.—The corresponding secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Olive Congregational church received a letter from Mr. Sjöstedt yesterday in response to a set of resolutions adopted by the society commending his stand upon the temperance problem. The letter expressed the pleasure of the writer at having been able to assist in elevating humanity.

Killed by a Murderer.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., August 24.—On June 27 last as Sheriff Beecher was conducting Lizzie Halliday, the triple murderer, into court she turned upon him fiercely and bit him in the hand. Three or four weeks ago the hand began to trouble him, and now it has swollen to the elbow, giving him intense pain. Unless the swelling can be stopped it is feared Beecher will lose his arm.

ARBITRARY ACTION.

Of the Nicaraguan Authorities in Making Arrests.

SURE TO CAUSE SERIOUS TROUBLE.

A British Vice-Consul Among Those Arrested and Conveyed to Greytown in Spite of Protests--Two Cruisers Expected to Protect the Interests of American and British Residents.

COLON, August 24.—A schooner has arrived here with seventy refugees from Bluefields, Mosquito territory. They say that the Nicaraguans have imprisoned eight American citizens and several British subjects, including the British vice consul. The country is described as being depopulated, and business is said to have been stopped.

The refugees also report that more Nicaraguan troops are arriving at Bluefields, and that 2,000 men are due there. This display of force is announced to be caused by the determination of the Nicaraguans to resist foreign interference in their affairs.

New York, August 24.—Advices received here from Bluefields, evidently later than those received at Colon, say that the Nicaraguan troops are returning from Bluefields and that they reached Greytown yesterday, bringing with them a Mr. Hatch, the British consular agent, and eight foreigners as prisoners. It has also been announced that a British war vessel arrived at Greytown yesterday evening.

New Orleans advices received here last night describe the arrest of Mr. Hatch and the arrest of Captain G. B. Withbanks, an American, who accepted the position of judge under the Mosquito government, and of several Mosquito caudillos. Mr. Hatch succeeded in despatching a note to the English cruiser of Bluefields, and Mr. Sent, the United States consul, communicated with the United States cruiser Columbia. It is believed that Mr. Hatch is charged with having incited the Jamaicans to riot and bloodshed.

When these advices left Bluefields that place was in a state of great excitement, and it was said that the Americans would demand, by force of arms, if necessary, the release of the innocent men, and the United States cruiser Columbia and British cruiser Mohawk were expected to take action in the matter.

LONDON, August 24.—The British foreign office has received confirmation of the arrest, at Bluefields, of Mr. Hatch, the consular agent of Great Britain.

Mr. James K. Roosevelt, the secretary of the United States embassy, thought that the action of the Nicaraguan government in arresting Mr. Hatch was extraordinary.

LATEST AUTHENTIC ADVICES.

Show That Consternation Prevails, and With Good Reason.

NEW ORLEANS, August 24.—The steamship Gussie, which arrived to-night from Bluefields, brought the latest news from the Associated Press correspondent, the dispatch being dated on the 19th.

Lieut. T. L. Roberts, of the cruiser Columbia, was a passenger charged with special messages to Washington. The American and English prisoners taken by Madriz were kept in close confinement all day. Messages were sent to the Columbia and the Mohawk both. Captain Sumner wrote a note asking that the prisoners be made acquainted with the charges against them, confronted with the witnesses and tried at Bluefields. The message was entrusted to Lieut. Hill, and he and Consul Sent called at the government building. They were informed that the minister could not be seen, and said that he had full authority to act during the night. They asked as to the charges against the prisoners, and Cabezas said he did not know. The delegation left in disgust. It was apparent that some secret plan had been formed, and that therefore Madriz preferred to remain under cover.

There is consternation among foreign residents at Bluefields, and planters have ordered their people discharged and business temporarily abandoned.

Bar Association Officers.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 24.—At today's session of the American Bar Association the committee on nominations reported the following officers, who were elected:

President, James C. Carter, of New York; secretary, John Hinkley, of Baltimore; treasurer, Francis Rawie, of Philadelphia; executive committee, the above, and also John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia; George A. Morcer, of Georgia; Alfred Hemenway, of Massachusetts; and B. G. Schley, of Wisconsin. Vice presidents and members of local councils were also elected for the several states.

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WETZEL COUNTY'S FAIR.

Its Success on the Opening Day Exceeded All Expectations--Some Good Racing.

Special Correspondence to the Intelligencer.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., August 23.—The Wetzel County Fair Association opened its gates promptly at 8 o'clock this morning. The total gate receipts for the day amounted to \$620, showing that from 3,000 to 3,500 persons passed through the gates. To-day's speed programme was, as was expected, the most interesting of the whole programme.

In the 2:30 trot Acme Girl took first money, Bob Henderson second and Kate C. third.

The three-furths mile run resulted as follows: Great Scott first, Henry Tyler second, and King George third. Time, 1:19 and 1:20.

In the 2:27 pace Nelly Green took first money, Smuggler, Jr., second, and Mollie Odgen third. Time, 2:31, 2:32 and 2:33.

The exhibit in the floral hall surpassed that of any previous year in the history of the association. The attendance has exceeded the expectations of all, and has been certainly satisfactory.

On entering the floral hall at the eastern entrance one is struck with the neatness of the exhibit of Reich Bros., our genial Main street merchants. This exhibit presents a very attractive appearance and is arranged with that taste and neatness which characterizes all the work of our friend Harry.

Just opposite the exhibit of Reich Bros. is the large display of George B. Woodcock's Main street furniture establishment. This exhibit occupies quite a large space, and is full and complete. It is in charge of Mr. George Lichner, Mr. Woodcock's accommodating clerk.

Messrs. Bridgman & Wells, hardware dealers, occupy with their exhibit the space in the center of the building. This exhibit consists of a number of fine stoves and other goods in the hardware line.

In the northwestern corner of the hall may be seen the display of Standford Bros.' furniture establishment.

A horse attached to a buggy ran off this morning on the fair ground. The result was that several other carts and buggies were slightly damaged.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

A Pretty Healthy Condition Shows--Iron and Steel Prices.

NEW YORK, August 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade which is published to-morrow, will say:

Changes during the past week have not been definite nor very important. As the President's final decision regarding the new tariff is guessed, but not yet certainly known, part of the hesitation which appears may be attributed to the lingering uncertainty, which must soon terminate. Other conditions, if not entirely favorable, have at least not changed for the worst during the past week. The injury to corn is less than many apprehended, but is believed to have reduced the yield about 500,000,000 bushels.

In the iron and steel manufacture the demand for furnished products increases, but is at present not so large as the capacity of the works which have endeavored to resume operations, so that their competition results in prices nearly as low as have been reached at any time. A moderate gain in transactions is seen at Philadelphia, though finished products there are weaker, and at New York no improvement yet appears, while at Pittsburgh and Cleveland considerably less than of late. Several more furnaces have gone into operation, notwithstanding the scarcity of water supply at Connelville and consequently of coke, and prices of pig iron are not further depressed. A moderate increase is seen in the woolen mills in operation, and agents who have offered spring goods, generally at a reduction of about 12 per cent from last year's prices, have taken orders for considerable quantities.

A Big Iron Works Falls.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., August 24.—Judgments aggregating \$141,000 were to-day confessed by the Pottsville Iron and Steel Company, one of the largest industrial establishments in this region, and an important means of support to the working people of this city.

A FRIGHTFUL TRAGEDY.

Three Murders and a Suicide on a Russian Vessel--An American Lady Among the Victims.

LONDON, August 25.—The Vienna correspondent of the Chronicle-Telegraph announces a triple murder and suicide on the Russian steamer Sebastopol, from Constantinople to Odessa. A sailor had become enamored of a young American lady, Miss Garrett, and had made his feelings known to her. Miss Garrett scorned his addresses and threatened to have him punished if he dared to annoy her again. The sailor's comrades in some manner learned of his discomfiture and in their rough way jeered and ridiculed him until he was frantic. He finally turned on his tormentors and shot two of them dead. He next attacked Miss Garrett and beat her on the head until she was dead, and then jumped into the sea and perished.

The Cholera Still Spreads.

BERLIN, August 24.—Four fresh cases of cholera were reported to-day from West Prussia. All of the patients are Russian raftsmen.

In Galicia to-day there were 148 new cases of cholera and seventy-nine deaths; in Bukovina there were five new cases and nine deaths.

Lots of Lemons.

NEW YORK, August 24.—The increase of the lemon crop of Florida is exerting a marked influence upon the imports of that fruit. This year, it is expected, Florida's lemon crop will aggregate 200,000 boxes, which is nearly four fold the product last year. The stock now in the market is sufficient to meet all demands momentarily.

A Brakeman Badly Hurt.

At Mountville about 8:30 last evening Charles Rieco, a brakeman on the B. & O. way train west, was caught between the bumpers while cutting out a crossing. The socket of his left hip was mashed and he was otherwise seriously injured. He lives at Grafton, is unmarried and aged 22. He will be removed on the early morning train. He will live.

THIRTY-SEVEN KILLED.

By an Explosion of Gas in a Coal Mine Near Seattle.

THEY WERE NEGROES OR ITALIANS.

All the Bodies Were Recovered--Terrible Boiler Explosion at Frankfort, Ind., by Which Two Men are Killed, Two Men Killed by a Gas Explosion in a Pennsylvania Colliery--Other Disasters Yesterday.

SEATTLE, WASH., August 24.—A terrific gas explosion occurred in breast 62, on the sixth level of the Franklin mine, at Franklin, near this city, this afternoon. Sixty-two miners were imprisoned and thirty-seven were killed. The fire was soon extinguished and the work of taking out the bodies began. All were recovered.

About half of the miners were negroes, having been brought from the east four years ago to replace the strikers. Many were Italians. The mine is owned by the Oregon Improvement Company, and produces the best coal in the state of Washington.

The origin of the fire is supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion by refuse and screenings in the bottom of the broasts leaching and catching fire.

ANOTHER GAS EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Eleven Injured near Ashland, Pa.

ASHLAND, Pa., August 24.—Two men were killed and eleven injured by an explosion of gas in the Gilbert colliery near this place this afternoon, and was caused by a fall of coal. This released an immense volume of gas and at the same time forced it along the gangways, to a distance of more than 1,000 yards, stifling and choking the miners.

Finally it reached a gang of miners working with naked lamps, and instantly ignited. An explosion which shook the earth, and was heard by the people in their homes above, followed. Flames and smoke burst from the mouth of the pit, and inside and out there were scenes of frantic terror.

Superintendent Leahy, among those fatally injured, was formerly a warden in the Schuylkill county prison. The mine is the property of the Reading Coal and Iron Company.